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13 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

14 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, OAKLAND DIVISION

15 CALIFORNIA COALITION FOR WOMEN  
PRISONERS; R.B.; A.H.R.; S.L.; J.L.; J.M.;  
16 G.M.; A.S.; and L.T., individuals on behalf of  
themselves and all others similarly situated,

17 Plaintiffs,

18 v.

19 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL  
BUREAU OF PRISONS, a governmental entity;  
20 BUREAU OF PRISONS DIRECTOR COLETTE  
PETERS, in her official capacity; FCI DUBLIN  
21 WARDEN THAHESHA JUSINO, in her official  
capacity; OFFICER BELLHOUSE, in his  
22 individual capacity; OFFICER GACAD, in his  
individual capacity; OFFICER JONES, in his  
23 individual capacity; LIEUTENANT JONES, in  
her individual capacity; OFFICER LEWIS, in his  
24 individual capacity; OFFICER NUNLEY, in his  
individual capacity; OFFICER POOL, in his  
25 individual capacity; LIEUTENANT PUTNAM, in  
his individual capacity; OFFICER SERRANO, in  
26 his individual capacity; OFFICER SHIRLEY, in  
his individual capacity; OFFICER SMITH, in his  
27 individual capacity; and OFFICER VASQUEZ, in  
her individual capacity,

28 Defendants.

Case No. 4:23-cv-04155

**DECLARATION OF L. B. IN SUPPORT OF  
PLAINTIFFS' MOTIONS FOR  
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION  
AND PROVISIONAL CLASS  
CERTIFICATION**

1 I, [REDACTED] B [REDACTED], declare:

2 1. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein, and if called as a  
3 witness, I could and would competently so testify.

4 2. I was incarcerated in federal prison and was incarcerated at FCI Dublin from  
5 September 2020 to July 14, 2023.

6 3. FCI Dublin's inadequate systems for preventing, detecting, and responding  
7 to sexual abuse have caused actual harm to myself and others incarcerated at FCI Dublin  
8 and put myself and other incarcerated persons at substantial risk of imminent serious harm  
9 from sexual assault, harassment, and retaliation from staff.

10 4. While at FCI Dublin, I experienced and witnessed sexual abuse by multiple  
11 staff people. It started right after I arrived there, around October, when I moved to Unit C,  
12 where Officer Smith worked. I knew Officer Smith had been demoted because of other  
13 accusations.

14 5. It was during the COVID lockdown, that things really got bad. In the  
15 beginning when we first got locked down, it would feel like we were in the hole. There  
16 was no communication during that time, no phone, no nothing. We were able to shower  
17 only every three days. For the first while, Officer Smith was the only one that would let us  
18 see our friends, and we would be sad if he did not come in to work. Then he started to  
19 harass people sexually. Many women were subjected to this treatment. He would lock us  
20 in our friends' rooms or lock us in our rooms alone and our roommate would be locked  
21 out. In order to get out, we had to do things for him and would force me to expose myself.  
22 That was the worst, most torturous part of my life. The lockdown conditions made it easier  
23 for him to stalk us because we had nowhere to go. He would rub on me so I could feel his  
24 erection, had me lift my shirt, touched my breasts, and tried to kiss me. Even after I  
25 reported his conduct, he tried to assault me again and only stopped because another person  
26 incarcerated person walked up. I couldn't believe he tried again even after I had already  
27 reported him.

28 6. Officer Smith always said he didn't care about cameras, and we later heard

1 that the cameras didn't work at all. I remember times that Officer Smith spoke about the  
2 cameras: he would get in your face, spit flying everywhere, saying he didn't care about the  
3 cameras. I would also watch for him while he was having sex with other incarcerated  
4 women in the janitor's closet. He told my friend during the COVID-19 lockdown, when  
5 we had no communication, that he would let her use his phone to call her kid; afterwards,  
6 she started to have sex with him. They felt comfortable with me watching out for them,  
7 but I did not feel comfortable doing so. He would pay me or get me things, like Chipotle,  
8 to knock on the door if someone was coming. Usually nobody came, they knew what was  
9 going on. Nobody walked in. When I stopped watching for him, things got really bad for  
10 me; I got jumped by two girls. There was a lot of terror. He tore up one of my letters,  
11 which I thought it was a letter from my daughter who I had not talked to in so long. He  
12 would not give me my mail; I would only get some of the mail that was sent to me. He  
13 would rip up my mail in front of my face, and he would not give me and some other people  
14 our mail. Sometimes, he would not let us get our showers.

15 7. I reported Officer Smith's conduct right around the time it was happening. I  
16 believe the report I made was forwarded to the investigator, Mr. Putnam, but he did  
17 nothing about it. He never came to talk with me or followed up with me. Officer Smith  
18 had been accused many times before, so it was not news. I watched and watched to see if  
19 anything would happen or change because of the report I made, but nothing happened.  
20 However, it got back to Mr. Smith that I told, which is why, in December 2020, I got beat  
21 up by two girls who said I snitched on Smith. After I reported

22 8. My room got tossed after I reported, and I got placed in the SHU for things I  
23 did not do. They took my things, my hobby crafts, and impounded it. He would take  
24 things that meant a lot to me, like pictures of my kids or confiscate things I was doing for  
25 my children. They made my life miserable and wrote me shots for things I did not do. I  
26 got severe shots for doing nothing. This happened to other people too. The staff would  
27 literally talk about how they knew what we were doing. They listened to phone calls. I  
28 reported on the recorded line, but I did not care – I felt I had to.

1           9.       When I arrived at FCI Dublin in September 2020 I was not provided  
2 adequate training and information about how to respond to sexual abuse. I don't  
3 remember if I was informed about PREA, I think they gave me a paper about PREA that  
4 may have had a phone number to report sexual assault. It mostly focused on incarcerated  
5 persons, not staff. I did not receive subsequent training, and there were not any changes to  
6 procedures during my time there.

7           10.     There was no effective way to confidentially report sexual assault and abuse  
8 by staff at FCI Dublin when I was there, and staff at FCI Dublin tried to prevent people  
9 from reporting sexual assault and abuse by staff and retaliated against people who did  
10 report. I reported to Putnam, but he did nothing and I spoke with the F.B.I. in 2022.  
11 When I eventually decided to report through PREA, it was very uncomfortable. They  
12 wanted me to be escorted to medical to tell my psychologist, Mr. Hung, and I was told to  
13 get escorted to medical. I refused to be escorted because I did not want everyone to know.  
14 Eventually I went. It was a very rude man who took my report. I told them very little  
15 information, and I think it's because of the report I made that I was treated so bad. It  
16 happened to a lot of girls who filed PREA reports.

17           11.     The investigator, Mr. Putnam, questioned me, and I did not trust him. I did  
18 not want him involved in it. I even asked the new Warden, a woman, if Putnam could not  
19 be on my case, but the Warden said he was SIS, so he had to take the report. But I always  
20 thought that he was feeding info to Smith. Overall, the PREA report I submitted went  
21 nowhere.

22           12.     The first time my lawyer came to visit me at FCI Dublin, everything worked  
23 out. They left me some legal paperwork. The woman at the desk told me she would get it  
24 to my case manager, who would get it to me, but I never received the paperwork. The next  
25 day, the facility made my attorney wait for an hour before seeing me. They also stripped  
26 me before I was allowed to meet with my lawyer on the second day, and they did not bring  
27 me lunch. I believe this was retaliation for meeting with my lawyers. That experience  
28 made me feel like they were going to fight against me, and they wanted me to stop

1 fighting, but I did not and I got out.

2 13. When incarcerated persons report sexual assault and abuse by staff, FCI  
3 Dublin and BOP do not seriously investigate the reports. Investigations are frequently  
4 delayed and overseen by staff who know and work with the offending staff member.  
5 Generally nothing happens as a result. This happened to me when I reported to Lieutenant  
6 Putnam – it seemed like he did nothing.

7 14. There is no confidential mental health care available to survivors of sexual  
8 abuse and assault at FCI Dublin. I never received counseling when I was at FCI Dublin.

9 15. There is little to no medical care available to survivors of sexual abuse and  
10 assault at FCI Dublin. It is my understanding that there is currently no medical doctor at  
11 the facility. Five months before I was released, they took my meds from me, and no one  
12 would help me. I have a schizoaffective diagnosis, and I have to take this certain pill to  
13 manage my symptoms. I tried and tried to get help, but they never did anything about it. I  
14 would hear buzzing, and it drove me crazy.

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1 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America  
2 that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that this declaration  
3 is executed at Independence, Kansas this 10th day of August, 2023.

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